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1. OFFICIALS OF SDA CALLED ON CHARGE MARCH 17 TO REPORT PMAC DECISION THAT ADVENTISTS WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO WORKERS OF FORMER SDA HOSPITAL. PMAC HAS ISSUED LETTER TO APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES TO THIS EFFECT. LETTER ALSO STATES THAT HOSPITAL ASSETS (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, INVENTORIES, ETC.) AS OF DATE OF TAKEOVER SHALL BE USED FOR COMPENSATION PAYMENTS WHEN ADVENTISTS SUBMIT CLAIM FOR HOSPITAL. SDA OFFICIALS SAID THEY ARE PREPARING A CLAIM FOR THE HOSPITAL WHICH THEY WILL SUBMIT TO THE COMPENSATION COMMISSION. THEY PROMISED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE CLAIM TO THE EMBASSY.

2. ADVENTISTS' LABOR DIFFICULTIES WITH THEIR PRINTING PRESS HAVE ALSO BEEN PARTIALLY RESOLVED IN SDA'S FAVOR BY PMAC. THE ADVENTISTS CLOSED THIS PRESS SOMETIME AGO AND WORKERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT OWNED PRINTING PRESSES. PMAC HAS NOT YET RULED ON
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WHETHER SDA WILL HAVE TO MAKE SEVERANCE PAYMENTS BUT SDA OFFICIALS BELIEVE THEY WILL NOT. IN ANY CASE, ONLY 10-15,000 BIRR IS INVOLVED.

3. SDA OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER THEIR HOSPITIAL IN DESSIE. THEY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO

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STAFF IT FOR THREE YEARS. THE SDA HOSPITAL IN GHIMBI IS FUNCTIONING VERY WELL AND EXPERIENCING NO INTERFERENCE OR HARASSMENT.

4. COMMENT: SDA OFFICIALS CREDIT COL. TEKA TULU WITH SECURING FAVORABLE DECISION FROM PMAC. COL. TEKA IS CLOSE FRIEND OF PASTOR BEKELE HEYE, HEAD ETHIOPIAN SDA CHURCH.
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